

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
HIROSHI IZAWA ET AL.)	Examiner: Rudy Zervigon
Application No.: 09/837,459)	Group Art Unit: 1763
Filed: April 19, 2001)	
For: DEPOSITED-FILM)	
FORMATION APPARATUS,)	
DEPOSITED-FILM)	
FORMATION PROCESS,)	
VACUUM SYSTEM, LEAK)	
JUDGMENT METHOD, AND)	
COMPUTER-READABLE)	
RECORDING MEDIUM WITH)	
RECORDED LEAK-JUDGMENT-)	
EXECUTABLE PROGRAM)	January 20, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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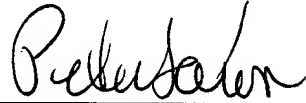
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of European Search Report for the corresponding European Application listing the documents is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,093,571	3/92	Inomata et al.	250	288	
		5,522,957	6/96	Weling et al.	156	626.1	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT

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